

DDC ACTIVITIES



Strategic Plan

As the DDC moves into its sixth year of operation, we are making great progress on our strategic plan. Our top three initiatives are to increase the daytime population, increase the residential population, and increase the number of businesses in downtown Peoria. With the growth we are seeing in all three areas, 2019 promises to be a great year. We are committed to downtown Peoria development and will keep you up to date through our monthly newsletters and social media posts. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn and make sure you check out our web site often at <https://www.downtownpeoria.us>.

Board Changes



Caterpillar Inc. is one of the DDC's founding members, and we have been very fortunate to have great leadership from our Caterpillar board members. Sonya Miles has served on our board for the past two years and has now taken on new responsibilities within Caterpillar. Since her new opportunity will take her outside of the Peoria area a great deal of the time, she has elected to resign from the DDC Board.

Henry Vicary will fill Sonya Miles' seat on the DDC Board. Henry was on the DDC board from its inception and was replaced by Sonya Miles in 2017. We are very glad that he has agreed to re-engage. Henry has been and will be a great proponent for downtown development, and we are glad to have him back. **Thank you, Sonya, for your dedication to the growth of downtown Peoria, and welcome back, Henry Vicary!**



Coming Soon...

Downtown Peoria Activities Video!

The DDC staff has been working diligently with Allison Walsh, a local videographer, and downtown Peoria businesses to produce a new video featuring downtown activities. The video shoot was a year-long process to capture the variety of seasonal events, providing a solid big picture of our Downtown Peoria activities. From farmers' markets to locally owned restaurants, coffee shops, and more, we hope that you will find the video to be invigorating and that it will inspire you to seek out new (and old!) adventures all year long in Downtown Peoria. Watch for our special Shoutout notification later this month!

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT



Riverfront Lofts

Leman Property Management Co. is pleased to announce a new addition to their apartment home inventory: Element Lofts located on the Riverfront in downtown Peoria, an Element Building Project.

These loft apartments will offer spectacular river views. Pre-leasing is now, with opening day scheduled for June 2019 for the super-studios with lofts. Call 309.346.4159 or email leasing@midwestshelters.com for more information.

Venue Chisca & Heaven on Earth Design Studio



The grand opening ceremony for Venue Chisca & Heaven on Earth Design Studio that was previously reported as taking place on January 24th has been postponed until March. Owner Michelle Spurgeon has requested to postpone the grand opening while she continues to put the finishing touches on this "event of a lifetime" venue that promises you an event that will create lasting memories.



"We're happy to extend the entertainment district down here and help bring people Downtown. We think this will be a unique concept for the town," said Spurgeon.

Michael Freiling, president and CEO of the Downtown Development Corp., stated, *"We are excited to welcome the new banquet facility and design studio to the Warehouse District. It's a refreshing, new option for weddings, banquets, and special events that will enhance the ambiance of the Warehouse District.*

As the Warehouse District expands, businesses such as Michelle's bring innovative energy and revitalization. Our role is to support the developers that make the new businesses possible. We salute Casey Baldwin and The Kim Group on the development of "The Block", and we are happy to welcome Venue Chisca and Heaven on Earth Design Studio to The Block." We look forward to hosting the ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in March. To plan your special event, visit the web site at <https://heavenonearthfloraldesigns.com/venue-chisca/>.



First Ascent Climbing Gym

First Ascent, an indoor climbing gym at 927 SW Washington St., Peoria, is open for business. Congratulations, First Ascent Peoria, on your ribbon cutting on January 11th and

WELCOME to Peoria's Warehouse District! We are so happy you are here! Best wishes for much success! Get your climb on and find out what other fitness activities are available at First Ascent in the Warehouse District! Follow them on Facebook and for general information, membership, visit their web site at www.firstascentclimbing.com.



Meltdown Creative Works

February 1st at noon, on the riverfront, Meltdown Creative Works opened their doors at 305 Water Street, Peoria, IL. From humble beginnings, years of hard work, dedication, and training, MCW

offers the best in graphic design, signs, and screenprinting services in Central IL. Their grand opening will be held April 2019. Visit their store for all your graphic needs and find them on Facebook or at www.meltdowncreative.com. Welcome, MCW, to Downtown Peoria's RiverFront District!

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The Business of Art 2019



On February 9th, ArtsPartners of Central Illinois presented "The Business of Art," a one-day event designed to connect entrepreneurial artists with business professionals who can help them navigate the world of business. Through seminars and networking, The Business of Art assists artists of all disciplines with establishing or enhancing their businesses. The event was held at the Robert Michel Student Center, Bradley University. For more information about this event and other initiatives by ArtsPartners, visit their web site at www.artspartners.net.



"Make America Laugh Again"

Coming to the Peoria Civic Center...

The Deplorables - Sunday March 3rd. This is just one of thousands of unique events playing at the Peoria Civic Center. The Peoria Civic

Center features an 11,330 seat arena, a 2,196-seat theater, 45,000 sq ft of meeting space and 110,000 sq ft of exhibit space. The downtown location is 10 minutes from the Peoria International Airport and has 1,000 hotel rooms within walking distance of the center and over 4,000 hotel rooms nearby. The facility is only a few blocks away from the Riverfront district, museums, live entertainment and unique dining opportunities. Take advantage of all the Peoria Civic Center has to offer by liking them on Facebook or Twitter, or by visiting their web site at www.peoriaciviccenter.com.

Live, Work, and Play in Peoria

Downtown Peoria is an exciting, inviting place to live, work, and play!

The Downtown Development Corp. of Peoria (DDC) is your go-to source for up-to-date development in the downtown and is a great resource for those interested in doing a development project in historic downtown Peoria.

As a subscriber to our monthly newsletter, you will receive special "shoutout" notifications so that you don't miss important happenings. Subscribe today at <https://www.downtownpeoria.us/newsletter>.

Social media



If social media is more your thing, follow The Downtown Development Corporation of Peoria (DDC) on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. **We like to be followed!**



February 2019

So many different things to do in Downtown Peoria! Here are just a few ideas for February Activities. Visit www.downtownpeoria.us for more details!

14th Annual Black & Blue Ball

Art & Pottery classes

Brew Pubs & Dining

Contemporary Art Center:

Exhibits, Salsa Dancing

5 Spot Live Music,

Whisper & Shout Open Mic Poetry

& so much more... see website!

Escape Games

First Friday Gallery Tours

J. Draper Glass Blowing Classes

Live Music Venues

Obed & Isaacs - Paint Night

Peoria Civic Center:

Finding Neverland

Winter Jam Tour 360

Peoria Rivermen Hockey games

West Side Story

John Mellencamp

Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

2019 Official Spring Home Show

Blake Shelton

& so much more... see website!

Peoria Riverfront Museum:

Giant Screen 3D Movie Theater

Dome Planetarium Shows

Gallery exhibits

& so much more... see website!

Spirit of Peoria Cruises (seasonal)

Trivia Nights

World on Wheels - Segway Tours (seasonal)

WTVP/State and Water - Live Music

Yoga and Exercise Classes

Zagster - City Cycle Bike Share (seasonal)

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Peoria*

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF PEORIA
CONGRATULATES
VENUE CHISCA
ON OPENING THEIR WEDDING VENUE!**

Venue Chisca, located at 1009 SW Washington St., is a new event and wedding venue in Peoria's Warehouse District that features a beautiful mix of southern industrial architecture and clean line urban warehouse styles.

For more information call 309-691-5330; email jaheavenonearth@aol.com or visit their website at www.heavenonearthfloraldesigns.com/venue-chisca.

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NEWSLETTER DOWNTOWN PEORIA

DDC Monthly Report for February 2019
Cumulative Total From July 1, 2014 - January 31, 2019

Residential Units	# of Units	Project Type	# of Projects	DDC Finances
Completed	163	Development	38	Budget
Under Construction	32	Completed	19	Fundraising:
Announced	275	Under Construction	8	Current Receipts
Exploring	100	Permitted	0	% of Budgeted Receipts
Residential Units Total	570	Hired Professionals	0	\$ 346,150
		Property Acquired	6	\$ 296,550
		Negotiations Under Way	2	85.7%
		Gathering Information	6	
		Total Dev.	41	
Business Start-up/Relocation		Infrastructure	6	DDC Activities
Completed	28	Property Acquisition	1	Media
Announced	4	Public Art	1	Articles/Media/Interviews
Exploring	7	Public Parks	1	Press Conferences
Business Start-up/Relocation Total	39	Projects Active Total	42	Other
		Projects Abandoned Total	53	Confidential Project Assistance
		Projects Assisted Grand Total	95	Building Code Amendments
				Lobbying for Extension of State Historic Tax Credits
				2016 Housing Study
				Public Engagement/Planning Effort by the City
				2016 Parking Study
				IL-HTC/RERZ Extension
				2018 Housing Study
Permits		Mixed-Use Projects Under Construction		Commercial Development Under Construction
Last 12 months		Project Name	# of Units	Project Name
Issued Comm. Const. This Year	29	Neon Hotel	6	Winkler Market
Est. Value Comm. Const. This Year	\$13,861,000	Winkler Market & Apts.	26	Chase Block
* All Const. Permits Issued This Year	147			Four Points by Sheraton
# Estimated Value This Year	\$22,310,550			The Block
				Whiskey City Architectural Salvage
Since 2014				
Issued Comm. Const. since 2014	145			
Est. Value Comm. Const. Since 2014	\$60,496,576			
* All Const. Permits Issued Since 2014	810			
# Estimated Value Since 2014	\$88,094,886			
Developers Assisted		Total Units UC	32	Total Projects
Developers Active				5
Local	26			
Out of Town	8			
Developers Active Total	34			
Developers Inactive	113			
Developers Assisted Grand Total	147			

* All Const. Permits Include: Comm. Const., Demolition, Elect., Erosion, Gen. Building, HVAC, Plumbing, Parking, Irrigation, H2O Heater, etc.

All Const. Permits Estimated Values: Not all activity has an estimated value assigned to it **therefore this is only a partial amount**

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